

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowability issued on December 29, 2006.

In the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, the Examiner noted that the Declaration identifies, but does not claim priority to Japanese Application No. P2002-292082, which was filed on October 4, 2002. However, the Declaration conflicted with the preliminary amendment filed on September 26, 2003. The preliminary amendment claimed priority to Japanese Application No. P2002-292082.

Applicants submit that the preliminary amendment filed on September 26, 2003 mistakenly claimed priority to Japanese Application No. P2002-292082. The Declaration correctly identified, but did not claim priority to Japanese Application No. P2002-292082.

Therefore, the Declaration is correct and a new Declaration does not need to be filed.

In this amendment, Applicants amend the specification to cancel the text relating to claiming priority to Japanese Application No. P2002-292082. No new matter is added by this amendment.

This amendment is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability dated December 29, 2006, and prior to payment of the issue fee.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Respectfully submitted,

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